



Colley Lane Primary Academy

"Never settle for less than your best"



Newsletter - 2nd February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Visits

This week, we have hosted several visits from Windsor Academy Trust leadership team to share our drive to provide your children with the best education and teachers. On Thursday, we welcomed Mrs Lanckham, Deputy Director of Education and Mrs Hayes, Head of School Evaluation and Assurance. They were very impressed with the respect shown by children as they visited classes and how active the children were in their learning: building on answers and improving points made. Today, Ms Hayward, CEO, popped in for a visit and a tour of the school. The learning and self-direction from the children shone through and the pride the children had. It is always lovely to hear and share our strengths but also receive feedback on areas to strengthen.

School uniform

Thank you for the support to ensure that the children come to school each day smartly dressed and in the correct uniform. It makes a huge difference to the pride of our school and the sense of belonging for the children. Don't forget that we have the preloved uniform available and if you do have difficulties with uniform, please contact the school office.

<https://www.colleylanepriamary.org.uk/school-life/essential-information/school-uniform/>

Building works

You will have seen that we have had some fence damage in the recent winds and this is being repaired next week. It has also been announced that work will start on the demolition of the derelict buildings on the corner of Colley Lane and Colley Gate from 19th February. This is great for the area but will cause some disruption, so please take care when we return from half-term.

Attendance this week has taken a hit with all the colds and coughs that are about. Please help us to improve our attendance next week. There is information in today's newsletter about Dudley MMR catch-up clinics taking place over half-term. www.blackcountry.icb.nhs.uk/measles

Kind regards
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Key Dates

Tuesday 6th February

Year 3 Trip to Birmingham
Symphony Hall (Please pay on
ParentMail)

Thursday 8th February

Year 2 Kings & Queens Day -
children can dress up

Friday 9th February

Break up for Half Term

Monday 12th - Friday 16th February

Half term week

Wednesday 21st - Friday 23rd February

Year 6 Residential to PGL

Thursday 7th March

World Book Day

Tuesday 19th March

Nursery Parents Meetings /
Nursery closed for children

Wednesday 20th March

Parents Evening - more information
will follow

Thursday 21st March

Parents Evening - more information
will follow

Friday 22nd March

Break up for Easter

Reminder!

*Can you please make sure
children's coats, hats, scarves,
lunchboxes etc are clearly marked
with their name in. We have a lot of
children with the same items in
school.*

Attendance

Overall this week:

91%

[Attendance information](#)

Aspire

- I am respectful
- I can give and receive feedback

School Menu

Week 3

[Link to Menus](#)

What's been happening in school this week?

Nursery

We have had a super week in Nursery continuing our learning about under the sea. On Wednesday, we used the Now Press Play equipment to go on an under the sea adventure where we met a pirate, a diver and some sea creatures! The children all listened well to the adventure and were very excited when we found the treasure to return to the pirate.



On Thursday we also took our first trip to the library of the year. The children listened well to a story and then had a chance to look at some of the books in the library. All completed library forms were handed in so we will collect the new cards on our next visit so that we can bring some library books home!

Reception

This week RW's parents visited to make some bird feeders. Thank you to everyone who attended and we hope you enjoyed the time outside with your child. Next week the children will be observing how many and which birds visit our school grounds.



The children have learnt about whales this week in preparation for their new WCR book next week. They have learnt lots of facts and that a humpback whale is the length of the reception classroom!

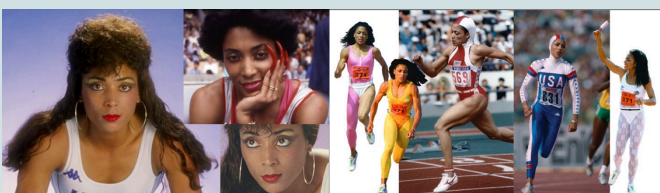
In maths, children have been working hard on addition and will be focusing on subtraction next week. Thanks again to parents who attended the maths workshop earlier this week. If you have any questions about maths please contact your child's class teacher.

Year 1

In Year 1 this week we have finished learning all about the fastest woman in the world, Florence Joyner.

The children have explored her life as part of their biography writing unit. We have enjoyed finding out about her early life where she chased rabbits in the desert, to her iconic fashion statements as well as her world record breaking achievements at the 1988 Olympic Games.

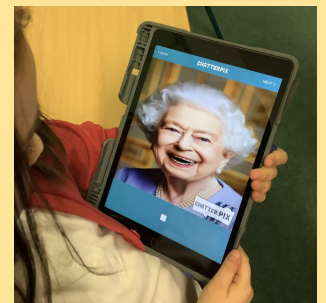
Next week the children will write their own biographies for their independent writing task. How exciting!



Year 2

This week, the children have continued to learn about significant monarchs.

The children have really enjoyed learning all about Queen Elizabeth II. They had lots of fun showing off their knowledge on Chatterpix. It was great to



hear the children communicate their ideas clearly, and see them work collaboratively to create their videos.

In maths this week the children have wowed us with their knowledge of fractions. They have found fractions of shapes and amounts. See if your child can explain what a vinculum, denominator and a numerator is.

Just a reminder that **Thursday 8th February** is our Kings' and Queens' focus day.

Year 3

Next week sees the end of our topic all about 'The Stone Age'. The children have really enjoyed learning about life in the Neolithic period. They have acquired a vast amount of new knowledge and expanded their vocabulary along the way. Can they tell you their favourite new word?!

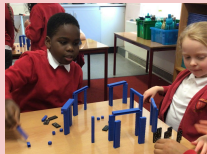


This week the children have been learning about how flint was collected in mines. They have been flint knapping using soap as flint and lollipop sticks to represent the hard stone that humans used to shape their weapons.



The children have also been discovering the importance of Stonehenge and how it marked significant

days like the Summer Solstice - they used Dienes, dominoes and wooden bricks to represent their own Stonehenge!



Have a lovely weekend.

Year 5

We have thoroughly enjoyed our week in Year 5. We've been up to lots of fantastic things, including swimming, learning about our Ancient Shang Dynasty and even conducting Science experiments with string!

This week, the children made fantastic progress in their swimming lessons. It is really great to see them developing and refining their swimming skills in all of the different groups.

In our Shang Dynasty topic, we have investigated the social hierarchy of the people. The children explored the different social classes from Kings, to Noblemen, Warriors to Farmers, and identified why they were important within Shang society. In addition to this, the children explored the importance of the Gods to the Shang people. They looked at Oracle bones and how these could be used to ask and answer questions to the Gods. Make sure you ask your child all about it!

Well done Year 5, another fabulous week. We hope you have a lovely weekend and look forward to our final week of Spring 1.

Year 4

What a great week this week has been in Year 4- we have been getting up to lots of exciting activities!



Our highlight of the week has been making our vegan flapjacks. The children were so excited to make them after 3 weeks of researching and designing their final product, it was great to see the finished product. They also tasted super yummy!

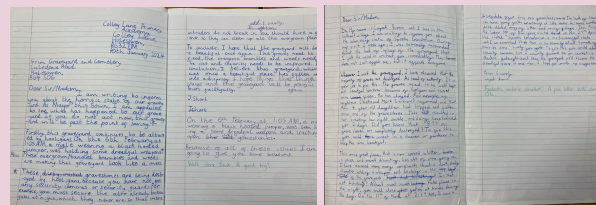
We also participated in a BBC Teach live lesson on Wednesday this week where we learnt a lot of information about different shark species and how we can become good conservationists! The children then chose an endangered animal of their choice to research and they created their own keynote presentations on them.



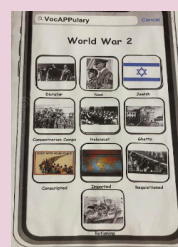
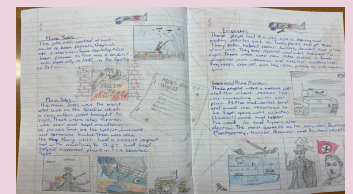
Have a fantastic weekend!

Year 6

Here are some great examples of formal letter writing from The Graveyard Book;



Also, the children wrote some amazing double page




spreads about life in WW2. We focused on Women in War, Mein in War, rationing amongst many areas. and we have been using a take on an 'iphone' to remember vocabulary!


Have a lovely weekend.

Pupil Achievements

Praise Assembly Shining Stars: (see Class Dojo for the teacher comments)

NURS	RR	RW	1MS	1Y	2D	2E	3K	3W
Joshuah (Full-time)	Ruby	Aria	Zainab	Freddie	Ellis	Hayyin	Lilly	Mya
Salma (PM)	4A	4H	5C	5P	6G	6R	6S	
	Phoebe	Clementine	Abdul	Alyssa	Aabid	Shubmeet	Raniyah	

Hot Chocolate Friday children:

RW	RR	1MS	1Y	2D	2E	3K	3W
Zoya L	Mekaal	Maham	Dean	Jack	Paignton	Leo	Rowan
4A	4H	5C	5P	6G	6R	6S	
Oscar	Cain	Sasha	Re nesmay	Ed	Mason	Logan	



Lily in 4A and Indi in 4H both received player of the match medals this weekend for their football team Starz Academy Tigers. Well done girls!



If you would like your child's achievements for activities they do beyond school this year, please email info@colley.windsoracademytrust.org.uk

Club News

Well done to everyone who's attended a club this week. The children have lots of clubs to choose from at Colley Lane so if you haven't tried one yet find the best one for you and come along and try it. There are lots of sports competitions and opportunities for the dance and choir to perform coming up so please keep an eye out for the forms to fill in if your child is chosen.

Pre-loved Uniform

We do now have a pre-loved school uniform rail that all parents are invited to use. It is located in the entrance to school. Ask the office for sizes.



MMR Vaccine Pop Up Clinic

Half-term MMR vaccine clinics

**Measles is spreading fast.
Has your child had both
of their MMR vaccines?**

**Free pop-up clinics to vaccinate
against measles, mumps and rubella
are taking place during half-term.**

For children over one-year-old who are due or who have missed either dose. Adults up to the age of 25 are also invited.

Measles is highly infectious and can lead to serious health complications. The MMR is safe and effective.

Sat 10 Feb	10am-3pm	Mary Stevens Park, Stourbridge DY8 2AA
Tue 13 Feb	9am-2pm	War Memorial, Lye DY9 8LF
Tue 13 Feb	9am-3pm	Tesco, Fox Oak Street, Cradley Heath B64 5DF
Fri 16 Feb	9am-2pm	Dudley Market Place, High Street DY1 1PQ
Sat 17 Feb	10am-3pm	Halesowen Town Centre, Somers Square B63 3AE

Book your appointment

Call Vaccination UK on 01384 431712
or just turn up on the day.

If you can, bring your child's red book
A gelatine-free vaccine is available on request



More details on measles, the MMR vaccine
and other pop-up clinics in the Black Country
at www.blackcountry.icb.nhs.uk/measles

Don't forget to check the website and our social media accounts for more information:

[Colley Lane Website](#), [School Blogs](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Class Dojo](#)

More useful links:

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